

Conference Learnings

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Infection Prevention and Infectious Diseases Symposium
LVH-CC Allentown, PA
September 27, 2013



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Conference Topics

Classic Nosocomial Infection Control

- Surveillance of infections and resistance
- Consistent hand washing
- Improve aseptic technique with devices
- Compliance with isolation patients known to be colonized or infected
- Universal precautions

Learnings to Consider for LVHN

Advanced Infection Control Methods

- UV light – (TRU-D used at LVHN)
- UV light with reflective paint
- Antimicrobial surfaces on bedside tables
- Hydrogen peroxide vapor

Sharing Learnings

Addressing Flu Vaccine Myths

- Wide range of reported efficacy.
- Injectable vaccine contains a killed virus and cannot cause disease.
- Highly recommended during pregnancy to protect mom and baby.
- <1mcg/dose of Thimerosal, mercury containing preservative is in dose of vaccine. One can of tuna has 29 mcg mercury.

Next Steps

Where the rubber meets the road

- Share information at next LVH-M Float Pool meeting , November 13, 2013, and send PPT via email to LVH-M Float Pool Staff.
- Collaboration with Infectious Disease for investigation and implementation of advanced infection control methods.
- Strict adherence of current infection control methods

